


REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 55, 56, and 59, drawn to a stent and method of using a stent, as stated in the Office Letter of May 21, 1996. The added claims are consonant with (and dependent upon) those which have been elected. Accordingly, Group II now includes claims 55, 56, 59, and 62-87. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully Submitted,



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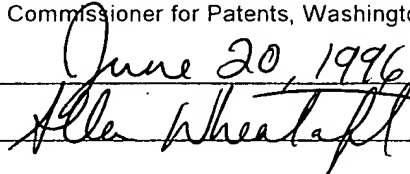
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